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NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TELEPHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started a new technology to improve the rural telephone system;

(b) if so, the number of villages in Maharashtra especially in Pune district wherein the new technology has been made available;

(c) the number of villages wherein new technology telephones has been installed by December, 2002, in Maharashtra; and

(d) the time by which this Technology will be introduced in the remaining villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) For improving telecom services and providing new telephone connections in the rural areas WLL technology is being deployed.

(b) & (c): The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) WLL systems have already been deployed in 22 SDCA`s (Short Distance Charging Areas). The remaining SDCAs would be covered progressively during 2003-2004 subject to the availability of funds.